[Mr M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

of Nagercoil and of memorials to Her. Gracious Highness the Maha Rani Regent protesting against the continuance of the incoming Chairman, Mr. A. Nayanar, who was entrusted with the conduct of the municipal election and who had also announced his intention again to contest the Chairman's seat ?

(*g*) Was there any enquiry into the representations referred to in part (*f*), and if so, what was the result ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (i) The Government acted on the principle of affording representation to important minor communities unrepresented by the elections as also of encouraging continuity of policy by the retention of a sufficient number of old members.

(ii) Yes. Mr. Nayanar recommended Mr. A. Muthu Joytsier, landlord, Meenakshipuram, and Mr. K. Perumal Panikkar, Merchant Kottar. Both of them were members of the old council and belonged to minorities unrepresented by the elections. The first is a Kammala and the second an Ezhava by caste. Mr. Muthu Jyotsier is also reported to be doing good work in municipal affairs.

(iii) Yes. Copy* of the Tahsildar's report is laid on the table.

(iv) Government did not call upon the President to make any recommendation.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (*a*) (i) and (ii).

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The enquiry is *sub judice*.

Redistribution of Wards in the Nagercoil Municipality.

8. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the increase in the number of wards of the Nagercoil Municipality from thirteen to fifteen, and the reason thereof and whether there was any resolution of the Municipal Council to that effect ?

(*b*) (i) Was there any sub-committee of the council to suggest a draft distribution of the fifteen wards ?

(ii) If so, who were the members of that committee ?

(iii) Was it not Mr. Anantakrishna Aiyar, the official nominated member, who introduced the draft distribution in the said sub-committee ?

(iv) On what principle was the redistribution based ?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to give, in a tabular form, the number of elected members as also that of nominated members in the old council and in the present council, according to communities with their respective population, number of houses and voters ?

(*d*) Did the Government take into consideration, while making the nominations, the failure to get elected seats as a result of the redistribution of wards, of those communities who had their elected representatives in the last council ?

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* *Vide* Appendix III—page 20.

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(*e*) Are the Government aware that there is strong dissatisfaction at the present redistribution of wards? If so, do they propose to enquire into the matter and remedy the defect?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes, the increase was necessitated by the growth of population and the increase in area of the Nagercoil Municipality. There was a resolution of the Council to that effect.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

(ii) The Executive Engineer, the Tahsildar, the Medical Officer, the Headmaster and the President of the Municipal Council.

(iii) No.

(iv) On the principle of population.

(*c*) In regard to the first portion of the question, a statement* giving the information required by the member is laid on the table. In regard to the second part, information regarding population, number of houses and voters according to communities is not available and the Government do not propose to call for the same.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*e*) No.

Nagercoil Municipal Finances.

9. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any cash deposit in the Agastisvaram treasury to the credit of the Nagercoil Municipality at the time when the last council was constituted? If so, what was the amount so deposited and for what purpose was it originally set apart?

(*b*) Was there any expenditure charged to this deposit? If so, for what item was it utilised and in which year, and how much of this is still left?

(*c*) What was the revenue and the expenditure for the years 1098, 1099 and 1100?

(*d*) Was there any revision of tax on houses? If so, when was it? What was the percentage rate both before and after the said revision?

(*e*) Was any amount written off under house tax or other cess in the years 1098, 1099 and 1100? If so, in respect of which wards was it so done? What were the respective amounts so written off for the above years?

(*f*) Was there any final audit of the Municipal fund? If so, when and by whom was it done?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A sum of Rs. 15,000 was deposited by the Council to its credit in the Agastisvaram treasury on the 23rd Chingam 1099. There was no specific purpose for which this was set apart.

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 21.

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Appendix IV.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 8**

Statement, by castes, of the Councillors of the old and the new Council of the Nagercoil Municipality.

	Brahmins.		Nairs.		Christians.		Salia.		Ezhava.		Saiva Vellala.		Nanjinad Vellala.		Puttamar.		Mahomedan.		Vanikhar.		Pattunulkar.		Asari.		Mudaliar.		Chettiyar.		Pandaram.		Total.
	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected	Nominated	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected.	Nominated.	Elected	Nominated.	
Old Council ...	2	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	4
New Council ...	3	...	1	...	1	1	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	15	4